

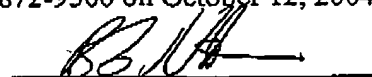
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2004 and is filed via facsimile on Tuesday, October 12, 2004. This response is filed with a petition for a two-month extension. The deadline for filing the response with the two month extension is further extended to Tuesday, October 12, 2004, which is the first business day following the two-month extended deadline of Sunday October, 10 and the Federal holiday for Columbus Day on Monday, October 11.

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Kindly amend the subject application as follows, in view of the comments set out herebelow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.